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[Despatch Abstract.]

Ports Coondapur

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Subject:

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PORT Department

From (Name) W.F. Ruffle, Esq.,

Designation Presidency Port Officer,

Station Madras.

Received 22 MAY 1941 Registered 2090

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works (Marine) Department,

Madras.

Enclosures:

Copy of petition d/17-9-40.
Draft Notification.
Draft rules.

No. 2037 G1/40-8 dated 17th May 1941.

Sir,

Port of Coondapoor - Pilots - Licensing of

I have the honour to state that about 1100 sailing vessels enter and leave the port of Coondapoor in a year on an average. Unauthorised pilotage is in vogue at the port. Taking advantage of this system the pilots demand exorbitant fees at their discretion irrespective of the nature of the work involved and pilot vessels at their own convenience, causing thereby delays to sailings - vide copy of petition dated 17-9-1940 from Fakir Mamed Issa, tindal of Kotia Huseni of Porebunder

2. The existing system is quite unsatisfactory and the Port Officer, Mangalore considers it necessary to license these pilots in the interests of the shipping at the port. I agree with him and accordingly recommend that the pilots at the port of Coondapoor may be licensed as in the case of those at Azhikkal and Beypore - G.O.No.921, Public Works (Marine) dated 15-4-1939.

3. I enclose herewith a set of draft rules, to suit local conditions drawn up in consultation with the local pilots. For the services to be rendered by the licensed pilots to the masters of sailing craft as and when required, fees may be charged at the rates specified in the attached draft notification. Lower rates of fees have been proposed for vessels laden with firewood as it is largely exported from the port and its value is comparatively low. As it is reported that piloting outward is easier than piloting inward different rates therefor have also been proposed.

4. The fees will be collected by this Department and dealt with as indicated in Rule 16 of the draft rules.

5. The proposal involves an annual recurring expenditure of about Rs.50/- on account of cost of forms, books etc., and this may be met from the savings of 2 annas in the rupee of pilotage fees collected. Flags have to be supplied to each of the licensed pilots and the cost thereof (Rs.5/- each approximately) will be met in the first instance from "Provincial - Minor Ports Fund" and subsequently adjusted to the debit of the proposed Coondapoor Pilotage Fund. It is not proposed to recover from this Fund contribution on account of charges of the establishment, at the port, paid from the Minor Ports Fund, as the work involved will be negligible.

6. I request the sanction of Government to the above proposals.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

W. F. Ruffle 17/5.

Presidency Port Officer.

From Fakir Mamad Issa, Tindal of Kotia Husein of Porbunder
now at Coondapoor,
To the Port Conservator, Coondapoor.
Dated 17-9-1940.

I beg to state that I arrived here on the 2nd instant and took Port Clearance from this port on the 16th which I hope you very well known.

As there are no official pilots I was not able to clear from this port, though the wind was favourable. The present pilot of this place simply harry us, though Rs.8/8/- to remove my Cotia Huseni from this port, they never cared to tow me out. At the same time to-day he towed another vessel, the owner of which is a merchant of this place. We are very much illtreated by these pilots, as they have combined together. We are at their mercy so to say. It is only when they have got will and pleasure to tow us out they do their duty, Under these circumstances I am forced to request the appointment of a pilot by the Port authorities. The wind is so favourable I would have reached Karwar within 20 hours.

The rate charged by the present pilot is very ~~much~~ very heavy. Hope that you will take necessary actions in the matter and see foreign vessels must be treated just like local.

Any correspondence may be communicated to Mr. Nagar Govindray Subraya Nayak, merchant, Ganguli.

Draft Notification.

Under sub-section (1) of Section 35 of the Indian Ports Act 1908 (XV of 1908) the Government of Madras are hereby pleased to direct that fees for piloting vessels entering and leaving the port of Coondapoor in the South Kanara District shall be charged at the following rates with effect on and from 1941. (To be entered)

Pilotage - day or night.

	Outward - Rates of pilotage fees. Rs. A. P.	Inward - Rates of pilotage fees. Rs. A. P.
(i) Vessels of 50 tons and under.		
(a) Laden with firewood	1 0 0	1 12 0
(b) Laden with cargo other than firewood	2 0 0	2 8 0
(c) In ballast	1 2 0	1 4 0
(ii) Vessels of over 50 and under 100 tons.		
(a) Laden with firewood	1 12 0	2 0 0
(b) Laden with cargo other than firewood	2 8 0	3 0 0
(c) In ballast	1 6 0	1 8 0
(iii) Vessels of 100 tons and over.		
(a) Laden with firewood	2 8 0	3 0 0
(b) Laden with cargo other than firewood	3 12 0	4 0 0
(c) In ballast	2 4 0	2 8 0

W. L. Ruffle 17/5

Presidency Port Officer.

Rules regulating the appointment and conduct of pilots -

Proposal to license the pilots at Coondapoor.

The number of licensed pilots for the port of Coondapoor shall not exceed 12.

Every application for a licence shall be presented to the Port Conservator at Coondapoor and the applicant shall, on presenting his application, be required to sign the agreement in Form A appended to these rules.

2. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the pilot establishment, the applicants shall be examined orally as to the qualifications for plying as pilots by the Port Officer, Mangalore at Coondapoor assisted by one or two senior licensed pilots selected by the Port Officer for the purpose.

3. Every applicant shall, prior to the examination, be required by the Port Officer to appear before the Health Officer for the purpose of having his evesight and ability to distinguish colours correctly tested.

Note No fee will be charged for the medical examination.

4. No applicant will be examined for the appointment of a pilot who-

(a) does not produce a certificate of physical fitness from the Health Officer showing that he is not suffering from defective vision and is able to distinguish colours correctly;

as possible forward a certificate in Form B to the Presidency Port Officer. After satisfying himself that the candidate has satisfied all the necessary requirements, the Presidency Port Officer shall obtain for him from the Government of Madras, a permit to pilot vessels in Form C and thereafter grant to him a license in Form D and forward it to the Port Officer, Mangalore, for delivery to the candidate.

7. Every applicant shall, on receiving his licence, supply himself, with a badge with the word 'pilot' and his number written on it in brass letters in a form approved by the Port Officer, Mangalore. Every licensed pilot shall, when on duty, wear this badge.

8. Each licensed pilot shall also provide himself with a measuring stick correctly marked in feet and inches for the purpose of ascertaining, when necessary, the draught of any vessel. Before the grant of a licence this stick should be brought to the Port Officer for approval. It should be used in checking the depth of water when the pilot uses channels at half tides and low water with light draught vessels, and the pilot should report to the Port Officer if any appreciable amount of silt formation is found.

9. Licensed pilots shall, in the absence of special instructions from the Port Officer to the contrary, do duty by turns in the order of the numbers allotted to them. Pilots who are not on duty should attend the local Port Office daily at 10 a.m. and take orders whether their services will be required during the day

10. Licensed pilots shall at their own cost maintain a sufficient number of canoes with crews of able bodied men and shall have a number painted on each bow. Every licensed pilot will, on the grant of a licence, be supplied at the cost of the pilotage fund with a square red flag with his number shown in it in white figures which should be displayed in some conspicuous part of the rigging or mast head of the vessel he is piloting. When the pilot is in the canoe proceeding to or returning from the vessel piloted, the flag shall be displayed in the bow of the canoe and hauled down on return to the shore.

If the flag is at any time lost through carelessness of the pilot, it should be replaced by him at his own expense.

11. Pilots are responsible for the safe conduct and pilotage of the vessel in their charge. Should any accident happen to the ship through grounding or otherwise, the vessel should at first be moored securely by running out anchors and all endeavours should be made to float her. The canoe tindal should in the meantime be sent to report the fact to the Port Conservator without delay. The pilot shall remain by the vessel until such accident be satisfactorily dealt with and shall at once report the fact in detail to the Port Conservator.

12. All disputes between a licensed pilot and the master of a vessel shall be referred to the Port Officer.

13. Any change in the channels and any obstruction to free navigation within the pilotage ground shall at once be brought to the notice of the Port Conservator, Coondapoor, by any pilot who discovers same. Pilots shall also report missing channel marks, beacons or buoys that may be out of position or lost through bad weather or strong currents.

14. Each licensed pilot shall obtain from the Port Conservator, Coondapoor, a copy of these instructions and a copy of the scale of charges which may have been framed under section 35 of the Indian Ports Act, 1908, for the port and shall make himself thoroughly acquainted with them.

T M No 2090 Fel 1 dt 29 Sep

21 Nov 1900

Ports & Karwar Coondapur
Pilots Licensing of

Refe from the DMO
No 2037 SL/40 & dt 17 Sept

It is presumed that
the troubles that arose
at Beypore consequent on
the introduction of the system
of licensed pilots (vide Conservator
hoisting up the DMO's letter
No 649 SL/38 dated 6th July 40)
were not anticipated at the
Coondapur port ~~the DMO~~
~~Requested to state if the~~
~~assumption is correct~~

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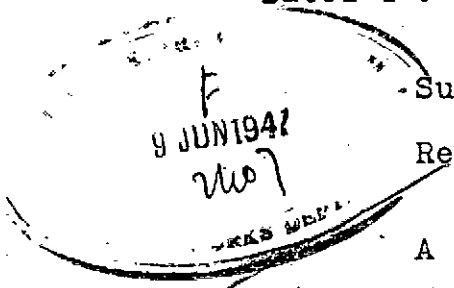
The Oberpore Rules also were reported to have been agreed to by the pilots and yet, there was trouble. The P.P.O. does not seem to have seen the correspondence with (N); otherwise he would have made reference to it in the present report about Coondapoor. A note with draft order was originally put up on this case but it was thought safer to get a definite statement from the P.P.O. Hence the draft on overleaf. If it may be assumed that there will be no trouble, the note below will be touched up and submitted

p. 1 of 50 (G)
(N)

29.5.41 Perhaps a letter will do.
Vetter. Draft in accordance with proceed

Telephone Message

From the Presidency Port Officer, Madras,
To the Assistant Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
Dated 4-6-1941. Madras.



Sub:-Ports--South Kanara--Coondapoor--Pilots--Licensing o:

Ref:-Your Telephone Message dated 4th June 1941.

A report from the Port Officer, Mangalore is awaited.

W. F. Trimble 5/6.
Presidency Port Officer.

Post copy in confirmation.

G-F. 304—5,386 Bks.—1-2-40.

OFFICE OF THE

Dated. 194

Hours Minutes.

TELEPHONIC MESSAGE

From P.P.O Madras

To A.S. P.W.D

Pp' to ante

Port of Coondapur - Licensing of Pilots

this office letter No 2037/Gl/40-8 dt 17.5.41

your T M. dt 29.5.41 bll of

your presumption is correct

14/6/41.

TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

From the Presidency Port Officer, Madras,
To the Assistant Secretary to Government, Public Works(Marine)Deptt.
Dated, 14 -6-1941.

Port of Coondapur - Licensing of pilots -
This office letter to Government No.2037-G1/40-8
dated 17-5-41 - Your Telephonic Message dated
29-5-41.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT. F 21 JUN 1941 2628 PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Your presumption is correct.

W. L. Cubbon 19/6.

Presidency Port Officer.

Post copy in confirmation.

Marine file sent to office on 16/6 May be added to file on receipt.

27/6 24.6.41

Ports – Cooperation.
Introduction of the
system of licensed
pilots

CM 2092 Rec.
1-9CF
MP 13-92CF

From the PMO. No 2037 SLW 0-89
Dt the 29 Sept

The PMO has submitted
proposals with a draft notifi-
and list a draft of the necessary rules, for the
introduction of a system of pilots

account of ~~the~~ books forms etc. It is not proposed to recover from this fund ~~charges~~ contribution ~~on account~~ for the services rendered by the Port staff in connection with the Collection and disbursement of Pilotage fees, as the work involved, is stated to be negligible

Pilotage fees Different rates p 5 c/f
of fees have been proposed for piloting vessels inward and outward, and for ~~foreign~~ firewood and other cargo the reasons for these are explained in para 3 of the letter p 7 c/f

For orders of the proposal may be approved. Subject to orders, a draft order is submitted It may be sent to Legal for scrutiny of the draft order?

~~Nil~~ The reply to T.M. d 29.5.41 is being awaited. p. 11 c/f

PS 30.5.41
M 31.5.41
Sm 1.6.41

Let me see the reply to T M
DDP 41

T.M. from the MOO dt the 6th p 15 c/f

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PS 6/6
M 6.6.41
Sm 18
I think Legal.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
19 JUN 1941
LEGAL DEPARTMENT

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29 JUN 1941
LEGAL DEPARTMENT

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PW MOO 2090 F/41-2
18.6.41

Legal Deptt.

The minor alterations indicated in red ink on the draft notification are made

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Legal 3926-1

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The rates of pilotage fees may be brought into force from 1st August 1941. Subject to approval. The date has been filled in the draft notification at p 3 of the draft order

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25-6-41

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the port and shall make himself thoroughly acquainted with them.

15. Licensed pilots shall all be subject to the control of the Port Officer, Mangalore and shall obey all orders which may be issued by him or under his authority by the Port Conservator, Coondapoor, from time to time in connection with their duties as pilots.

16. The pilotage fees will not be paid to the pilots direct, but will be credited to the Coondapoor Pilotage Fund. Every licensed pilot will be paid at the Port Office, Coondapoor,

(a) as soon as practicable, after the close of each month an amount calculated at 14 annas in the rupee on the total amount of the pilotage fees collected during the month on account of his services, and

as soon as practicable, after the end of each financial year, a share of the balance to credit of the Coondapoor Pilotage Fund after due payment of all charges on the fund calculated in proportion to the amount of the pilotage fees collected during the year on account of his services.

.se of vessels outward bound, applications for the pilot, when one is required, should be sent to the Port Office, Coondapoor, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. on the day previous to sailing, whenever practicable.

A.

Form of Agreement

I, an applicant for a licence to ply as a pilot at the Port of Coondapoor do hereby acknowledge having understood the instructions relating to the duties of licensed pilots authorised for that port as explained by the Port Conservator, Coondapoor, agree to abide by the same if a licence to ply as a pilot is granted to me.

B.

Form of Certificate

This is to certify that . . . . . has been examined by me touching his knowledge of the channel and currents of Coondapoor and I find that he is fully competent to undertake the duties of a pilot for the port and passages leading thereto.

C.

Government of Madras

This is to certify that A.B. is a pilot within the terms of section 3(3) of the Indian Ports Act (Act XV of 1908), authorized by the Government to pilot vessels at the port of . .

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

(Signed) . . . .

Dated Secretary to Government, Marine Dept.

D.

Form of Licence

A.B. . . . . inhabitant of
being proved to be duly qualified pilot and to be thoroughly acquainted with the channels at Coondapoor is hereby licensed to act in that capacity at the aforesaid port of Coondapoor.

Dated this .....day of 19 Presidency Port Officer,
Madras.